HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

10:30 a.m.

519 House Office Building

Representative Melton, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Melton, Valentine, Angerer, Brown, Byrum, Clack, Corriveau, Dean, Hopgood, Lindberg, Meisner, Miller, Polidori, Scott, Moolenaar, Emmons, Hoogendyk, Steil, Pearce, Hildenbrand, Schuitmaker, Knollenberg and Opsommer.

Representative Polidori moved to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2007 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid SB 403 before the committee.

SB 403 Kuipers Education; graduation requirements; high school personal curriculum requirements for transfer pupils; revise.

Anne Blankenhorn, representing Senator Kuipers' Office, testified in support of SB 403.

Ed Roeber and Lisa Hansknecht, representing the Michigan Department of Education, testified in support of SB 403.

Robert Lefevre, representing the Macomb Intermediate School District, testified in support of SB 403.

The following people submitted cards in support of SB 403, but did not wish to speak:

Glen Walstra, representing the Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools,

Joyce Phelps, representing the Michigan Education Association,

Matt Tomasiewicz, representing the Kalamazoo, Muskegon and Ottawa Intermediate School Districts,

Paul Stankewitz, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference,

Brad Biladeau, representing the Michigan Association of School Administrators.

No further action was taken on SB 403.

The Chair laid SB 70 before the committee.

SB 70 Cassis Education; teachers; date for implementation of requirement for current teachers to receive certain training concerning reading

problems; extend to July 1, 2008.

Anne Blankenhorn and Kristin Fair, representing Senator Cassis' Office, testified in support of SB 70.

James Cipielewski, representing Oakland University and the Michigan Alliance of Reading Professors, testified and indicated a neutral position on SB 70.*

The following people submitted cards in support of SB 70, but did not wish to speak:

Joyce Phelps, representing the Michigan Education Association, Nancy Stanley, representing the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:47 a.m.

Representative Tim Melton, Chair

Ben Cook
Committee Clerk
June 12, 2007
1 hour 17 minutes

Date Approved and Signed

^{*} indicates written material submitted.